Language, Resolution regarding the re-constitution of the Hindi Salahakar Samiti would be issued and thereafter action to convene the meeting would be taken at an early date.

Renovation of Fishing Harbours in Orissa

91. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to renovate the fishing harbours in Orissa which have been damaged due to cyclone;

(b) if so, the funds released from the centre for the purpose during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of the renovation work undertaken in those fishing harbours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE* IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa and Port Trust have been requested to submit revised proposals for renovation of fishing harbours/landing centres and Paradip fishing harbour respectively.

(b) No funds have been released so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Drought hit areas in Orissa

92. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Orissa which have been declared as drought hit; and

(b) the details of the allocation of Central assistance made during 2000-2001 to undertake relief measures in the drought hit areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) 11914 villages in 19 districts in Orissa are facing drought like situation.

(b) Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01

amounting to Rs. 82.10 crore and Central share of CRF for 2001-02 amounting to Rs. 21.55 crore, in advance, have been released. In addition, assistance from the National Calamity contingency Fund amounting to Rs. 35.00 crore have been released.

Efficient administrative system for relief during natural Calamities

† 93. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need for a specifically efficient administrative system has recently been felt to provide relief and protection to common people at the time of a devastation caused by natural calamities in the country;

(b) if so, when such need was felt and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Institutional arrangements exist at the National, State and District level for management of natural disasters. In the event of earthquake in Gujarat, Government of India in coordination with the State Governments and in association with the Armed Forces launched a massive emergency relief operation. There is no denying the fact that machinery should be efficient and active in responding to the crisis situation and there is always room and necessity for improvement in the administrative response based on lessons learnt from the previous experiences.

A National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up by the Government of India on 13th February, 2001 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister having the representatives of the Presidents of the National and State Level Political Parties. The National Committee will *inter-alia* deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and

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